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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:14-cv-01242-RCL**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/21/2014  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/21/2014	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-3784779) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons State Dept., # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 07/21/2014)
07/21/2014	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 07/21/2014)
07/21/2014		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (kb) (Entered: 07/22/2014)
07/22/2014	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Consent Form, # <u>2</u> Notice of Consent)(kb) (Entered: 07/22/2014)
08/08/2014	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/28/2014. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/27/2014.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/06/2014., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/28/2014 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of C. Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/08/2014)
08/27/2014	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robert J. Prince on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 08/27/2014)
08/27/2014	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> FOIA Request Letter)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 08/27/2014)
08/28/2014	<u>7</u>	ORDER requiring defendant to file dispositive motions with supporting materials within 30 days of this date, or such further date as the court may set upon proper motion. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on August 28, 2014. (lcrc11) (Entered: 08/28/2014)
09/12/2014	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Scheduling Order by DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/12/2014)
09/15/2014	<u>9</u>	ORDER Granting <u>8</u> Motion to Vacate Deadline for Defendant to File Dispositive Motion and for Scheduling Order. (See Image for Details) Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 9/12/14. (mpt, ) (Entered: 09/15/2014)

09/15/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responsive Documents due by 11/12/2014; Vaughn Index due by 12/5/2014; Objections to withholdings described in the draft Vaughn Index; Joint Status Report due by 1/2/2015 (mpt, ) (Entered: 09/15/2014)
12/31/2014	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>JOINT</i> ) by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 12/31/2014)
02/02/2015	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>JOINT</i> ) by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 02/02/2015)
03/16/2015	<u>12</u>	Emergency MOTION for Hearing ( <i>Status Conference</i> ) by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/16/2015)
03/16/2015	<u>13</u>	Emergency MOTION Shorten Response Time to Motion for Status Conference re <u>12</u> Emergency MOTION for Hearing ( <i>Status Conference</i> ) by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/16/2015)
03/20/2015	<u>14</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>12</u> Emergency MOTION for Hearing ( <i>Status Conference</i> ) filed by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/20/2015)
03/23/2015	<u>15</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>12</u> Emergency MOTION for Hearing ( <i>Status Conference</i> ) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/23/2015)
05/01/2015	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>JOINT</i> ) by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 05/01/2015)
06/30/2015	<u>17</u>	NOTICE REGARDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE by DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 06/30/2015)
07/02/2015	<u>18</u>	ORDER; setting briefing schedule: Summary Judgment motions due by 7/7/2015; Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/14/2015; Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/11/2015; Plaintiffs' Reply due by 9/25/2015, Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/1/2015. (hs) (Entered: 07/02/2015)
07/07/2015	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration of John F. Hackett, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 07/07/2015)
08/10/2015	<u>20</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>19</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/10/2015)
08/12/2015	<u>21</u>	ORDER; granting <u>20</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply, Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 8/11/2015. (hs) (Entered: 08/12/2015)
08/21/2015	<u>22</u>	MOTION for Discovery <i>Pursuant to Rule 56(d)</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Declaration in Support of 56(d) Motion, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/21/2015)
09/02/2015	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Filing Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/02/2015)
09/04/2015	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Order Entered in Misc. No. 15-1188 by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Copy of Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/04/2015)
09/04/2015	<u>25</u>	MOTION to Stay Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/04/2015)
09/18/2015	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jennie Leah Kneedler on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Kneedler, Jennie) (Entered: 09/18/2015)
09/18/2015	<u>27</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>22</u> MOTION for Discovery <i>Pursuant to Rule 56(d)</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibits 1-3, #

		<u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Kneedler, Jennie) (Entered: 09/18/2015)
09/21/2015	<u>28</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>25</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 09/21/2015)
10/01/2015	<u>29</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>25</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 10/01/2015)
10/02/2015	<u>30</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>22</u> MOTION for Discovery <i>Pursuant to Rule 56(d)</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/02/2015)
10/02/2015	<u>31</u>	NOTICE <i>OF PLAINTIFF'S CORRECTED FILING</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>30</u> Reply to opposition to Motion (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 4)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/02/2015)
10/14/2015	<u>32</u>	MOTION for Leave to File <i>Surreply</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Proposed Surreply, # <u>3</u> Declaration in Support of Proposed Surreply)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 10/14/2015)
10/19/2015	<u>33</u>	NOTICE <i>Regarding Denial of State Department's Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>25</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/19/2015)
10/27/2015	<u>34</u>	RESPONSE re <u>32</u> MOTION for Leave to File <i>Surreply</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/27/2015)
01/05/2016	<u>35</u>	ORDER; granting <u>32</u> Motion for Leave to File Surreply, Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/31/2015. (hs) (Entered: 01/05/2016)
01/05/2016	<u>36</u>	SURREPLY to re <u>22</u> MOTION for Discovery <i>Pursuant to Rule 56(d)</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (zrdj) (Entered: 01/05/2016)
01/28/2016	<u>37</u>	ORDER denying <u>25</u> Motion to Stay as moot. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on January 28, 2016. (lcrc12) (Entered: 01/28/2016)
02/02/2016	<u>38</u>	ORDER denying Motion for Hearing <u>12</u> ; denying Motion to shorten Defendant's time to file <u>13</u> . Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on January 29, 2016. (lcrc12) (Entered: 02/02/2016)
03/29/2016	<u>39</u>	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER; Denying <u>19</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and Granting <u>22</u> Motion for limited discovery, Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 3/29/2016. (hs) (Entered: 03/29/2016)
05/05/2016	<u>40</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael Bekesha on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 05/05/2016)
05/05/2016	<u>41</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Attorney Jennie Leah Kneedler terminated. (Kneedler, Jennie) (Entered: 05/05/2016)
05/16/2016	<u>42</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Order <i>for Discovery</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>39</u> Memorandum & Opinion (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 05/16/2016)
05/26/2016	<u>43</u>	RESPONSE to Plaintiff's <u>42</u> <i>Proposed Discovery Order</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) Modified on 5/27/2016 (zrdj). (Entered: 05/26/2016)
06/06/2016	<u>44</u>	MOTION for Leave to File <i>a Reply</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A (Judicial Watch's Reply), # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/06/2016)
06/10/2016	<u>45</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>44</u> MOTION for Leave to File <i>a Reply</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 06/10/2016)

06/20/2016	<u>46</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>44</u> MOTION for Leave to File a <i>Reply</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/20/2016)
12/21/2016	<u>47</u>	ORDER granting <u>44</u> Motion for Leave to File. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/21/16. (lcrc11, ) (Entered: 12/21/2016)
12/21/2016	<u>48</u>	ORDER directing counsel to meet and confer and present a new proposed order by January 10, 2017.. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/21/2016. (lcrc11, ) (Entered: 12/21/2016)
12/21/2016	<u>49</u>	REPLY re <u>42</u> Notice of Proposed Order for Discovery filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (zrdj) (Entered: 12/22/2016)
01/10/2017	<u>50</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Order for <i>Revised Discovery Plan</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>48</u> Order (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/10/2017)
01/10/2017	<u>51</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Order <i>Regarding Further Proceedings</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 01/10/2017)
10/04/2018	<u>52</u>	ORDER directing parties to appear for a Status Conference set for 10/12/2018 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 15 before Judge Royce C. Lamberth. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 10/3/18. (lsj) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
10/12/2018		Minute Entry: Status Conference held on 10/12/2018 before Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (Court Reporter Tim Miller) (tb) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
10/16/2018	<u>53</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS HEARING before Judge Royce C. Lamberth held on 10-12-18; Page Numbers: 1-42; Date of Issuance: 10-16-18; Court Reporter: Timothy R. Miller, Telephone number (202) 354-3111. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <a href="#">Transcript Order Form</a></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p><b>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS:</b> The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at <a href="http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov">www.dcd.uscourts.gov</a>.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 11/6/2018. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/16/2018. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 1/14/2019.(Miller, Timothy) (Entered: 10/16/2018)</p>
12/06/2018	<u>54</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/06/2018. (lcrc13) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/06/2018	<u>55</u>	ORDER directing the parties to meet and confer regarding discovery and to submit a proposed plan and schedule. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/06/2018. (lcrc13) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Discovery Plan due by 12/17/2018. (lsj) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>56</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>57</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul J. Orfanedes on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/12/2018	<u>58</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Wednesday, December 19 for the parties to submit jointly if possible, separately if necessary a proposed plan and schedule for discovery</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of

		Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/12/2018	<u>59</u>	ERRATA by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE <u>58</u> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Wednesday, December 19 for the parties to submit jointly if possible, separately if necessary a proposed plan and schedule for discovery</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/13/2018	<u>60</u>	ORDER granting <u>58</u> Motion for Extension of Time. The parties shall submit a proposed plan and schedule for discovery by 12/19/2018. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/14/2018. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
12/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Plan and Schedule for Discovery due by 12/19/2018. (lsj) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/18/2018	<u>61</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen M. Pezzi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Pezzi, Stephen) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/19/2018	<u>62</u>	PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN re <u>55</u> Order by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C)(Peterson, James) . (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018	<u>63</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re <u>55</u> Order ( <i>State's Proposed Discovery Plan and Schedule</i> ) filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
01/04/2019	<u>64</u>	RESPONSE re <u>63</u> by <i>Plaintiff to Defendant's Proposed Discovery Plan and Schedule</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Peterson, James) Modified to add link on 1/9/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/15/2019	<u>65</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION and ORDER setting discovery plan and schedule. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 1/15/2019. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>66</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>67</u>	RESPONSE re <u>66</u> MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/17/2019	<u>68</u>	ORDER granting <u>66</u> Motion to Stay. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 1/17/2019. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
01/17/2019	<u>69</u>	NOTICE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Email from Deputy Under Secretary for Management)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
01/30/2019	<u>70</u>	NOTICE of Restoration of Appropriations by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>68</u> Order on Motion to Stay (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
03/11/2019	<u>71</u>	MOTION for Protective Order <i>Regarding Audiovisual Recordings of Depositions of Current and Former Department of State Career Officials</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pezzi, Stephen) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
03/12/2019	<u>72</u>	MOTION for Protective Order <i>Sealing the Audiovisual Recording of Deposition</i> by Justin Cooper (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Speth, Charles) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/19/2019	<u>73</u>	MOTION to Take Deposition from Benjamin Rhodes by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/19/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>74</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>73</u> MOTION to Take Deposition from Benjamin Rhodes filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Pezzi, Stephen) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>75</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>73</u> MOTION to Take Deposition from Benjamin Rhodes filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>76</u>	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM to re <u>73</u> MOTION to Take Deposition from Benjamin Rhodes filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/25/2019)

03/25/2019	<u>77</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Beth A. Wilkinson on behalf of Jacob Sullivan (Wilkinson, Beth) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>78</u>	MOTION for Protective Order by Jacob Sullivan (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wilkinson, Beth) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>79</u>	RESPONSE re <u>73</u> MOTION to Take Deposition from Benjamin Rhodes <i>to Plaintiff's Supplement</i> <u>76</u> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>80</u>	VACATED PURSUANT TO ORDER <u>97</u> .....ORDER granting <u>73</u> Motion to Take Deposition from Benjamin Rhodes pursuant to Rule 45. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 03/25/2019. (lcrc13) Modified on 4/26/2019 (zlsj). (Entered: 03/25/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>81</u>	RESPONSE re <u>72</u> MOTION for Protective Order <i>Sealing the Audiovisual Recording of Deposition</i> , <u>71</u> MOTION for Protective Order <i>Regarding Audiovisual Recordings of Depositions of Current and Former Department of State Career Officials</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
03/26/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>77</u> Notice of Appearance; emailed to bwilkinson@wilkinsonwalsh.com, cc'd 16 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Please refile document, 2. Each counsel must use their assigned login/password to enter an appearance. Counsel should review LCvR 5.4(b) & 83.2 (zjf, ) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/26/2019	<u>82</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Beth A. Wilkinson on behalf of Jacob Sullivan (Wilkinson, Beth) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/26/2019	<u>83</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Alexandra M. Walsh on behalf of Jacob Sullivan (Walsh, Alexandra) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/26/2019	<u>84</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brian L. Stekloff on behalf of Jacob Sullivan (Stekloff, Brian) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/26/2019	<u>85</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael J. Gottlieb on behalf of BENJAMIN RHODES (Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/26/2019	<u>86</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>80</u> Order on Motion to Take Deposition by BENJAMIN RHODES (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/28/2019	<u>87</u>	RESPONSE re <u>86</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>80</u> Order on Motion to Take Deposition filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/28/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>88</u>	RESPONSE re <u>86</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>80</u> Order on Motion to Take Deposition <i>and Plaintiff's Response Thereto</i> <u>87</u> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>89</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>86</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>80</u> Order on Motion to Take Deposition filed by BENJAMIN RHODES. (Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>90</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>71</u> MOTION for Protective Order <i>Regarding Audiovisual Recordings of Depositions of Current and Former Department of State Career Officials</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>91</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>72</u> MOTION for Protective Order <i>Sealing the Audiovisual Recording of Deposition</i> filed by Justin Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6)(Speth, Charles) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/03/2019	<u>92</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>78</u> MOTION for Protective Order filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/03/2019)

04/11/2019	<u>93</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Calanthe A. Cope–Kasten, :Firm– Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz LLP, :Address– 2001 M Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Phone No. – 2028474000. Fax No. – 2028474005 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090–6053768. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JACOB SULLIVAN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Wilkinson, Beth) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>94</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>78</u> MOTION for Protective Order filed by JACOB SULLIVAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D)(Wilkinson, Beth) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/12/2019	<u>95</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lauren M. Burke on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>93</u> Motion for Admission and Appearance Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/22/2019. (lcrcl1) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
04/25/2019	<u>96</u>	ORDER granting <u>71</u> Motion for Protective Order; granting <u>72</u> Motion for Protective Order; granting <u>78</u> Motion for Protective Order. Any audiovisual recordings of depositions of Justin Cooper, Clarence Finney, John Hackett, Heather Samuelson, Gene Smilansky, Jake Sullivan, Monica Tillery, Sheryl Walter, and Jonathan Wasser shall remain sealed absent further Court order. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 04/25/2019. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/25/2019	<u>97</u>	ORDER granting <u>86</u> Motion for Reconsideration. The Court vacates its prior order at ECF No. 80. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 04/25/2019. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/29/2019	<u>98</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by ERIC BOSWELL (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Clattenburg, Rachel) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
04/30/2019	<u>99</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Aaron Levy on behalf of ERIC BOSWELL (Levy, Joshua) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>100</u>	ORDER granting <u>98</u> Motion for Protective Order. Any audiovisual recordings of any forthcoming depositions in this matter of Eric Boswell shall remain sealed absent further order of this Court. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 05/03/2019. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>101</u>	MOTION for Protective Order <i>Regarding Information Protected by the Privacy Act</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Privacy Act Order and Acknowledgement, # <u>2</u> Privacy Impact Assessment for the SENTINEL System, # <u>3</u> Email Chain Between Lauren Burke and Robert Prince)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>102</u>	MOTION to Compel by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>9</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>103</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>101</u> MOTION for Protective Order <i>Regarding Information Protected by the Privacy Act</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/21/2019	<u>104</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>101</u> MOTION for Protective Order <i>Regarding Information Protected by the Privacy Act</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Home Page for Planet Depos, # <u>2</u> Plaintiffs 2017 IRS Form 990)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>105</u>	MOTION to Quash Rule 45 Subpoena for Deposition Testimony from Non–Party Sheryl L. Walter, MOTION for Protective Order by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Ex. 1: Walter Declaration, # <u>2</u> Ex. 2: Original Subpoena, # <u>3</u> Ex. 3: Email Chain re Agreement, # <u>4</u> Ex. 4: Email Chain re Meet and Confer, # <u>5</u> Ex. 5: New Subpoena, # <u>6</u> Ex. 6: Bates 898, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pezzi, Stephen) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>106</u>	SEALED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DOCUMENT UNDER SEAL filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Ex. 1: Unredacted Version of Walter

		Declaration (To Be Filed Under Seal), # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pezzi, Stephen) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>107</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>102</u> MOTION to Compel filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Ex. 1 – Declaration of Richard C. Visek, # <u>3</u> Ex. 2 – Document 896, # <u>4</u> Ex. 3 – Document 899, # <u>5</u> Ex. 4 – Document 232, # <u>6</u> Ex. 5 – Apr. 19, 2019 Letter from S. Pezzi to R. Cotca, # <u>7</u> Ex. 6 – Apr. 26, 2019 Letter from S. Pezzi to R. Cotca)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/25/2019	<u>108</u>	MOTION for Leave to File <i>Surreply</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Plaintiff's Surreply, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/25/2019)
05/30/2019	<u>109</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>102</u> MOTION to Compel filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/30/2019)
05/31/2019	<u>110</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>105</u> MOTION to Quash <i>Rule 45 Subpoena for Deposition Testimony from Non-Party Sheryl L. Walter</i> MOTION for Protective Order filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>111</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>105</u> MOTION to Quash <i>Rule 45 Subpoena for Deposition Testimony from Non-Party Sheryl L. Walter</i> MOTION for Protective Order filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Pezzi, Stephen) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>112</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Henry James Brewster, :Firm– Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz, :Address– 2001 M Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Phone No. – 2028474000. Fax No. – 2028474005 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090–6175824. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by Heather Samuelson (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Wilkinson, Beth) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>113</u>	ORDER granting <u>106</u> Sealed Motion for Leave to File Document Under Seal. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/10/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>114</u>	ORDER denying <u>105</u> Motion to Quash. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/10/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>115</u>	ORDER granting <u>101</u> Motion for Protective Order; granting <u>108</u> Motion for Leave to File. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/10/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>116</u>	PROTECTIVE ORDER. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/10/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Acknowledgement Form) (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>112</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/10/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>117</u>	ORDER FOR IN CAMERA REVIEW. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/10/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>121</u>	SEALED Unredacted Version of Walter Declaration filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.)(zjf) (Entered: 06/18/2019)
06/11/2019	<u>118</u>	NOTICE OF DELIVERY FOR IN CAMERA INSPECTION by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>117</u> Order (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>119</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/12/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>120</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>102</u> Motion to Compel. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/12/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
08/07/2019	<u>122</u>	ORDER directing the parties to file a status report by 8/21/2019 and setting a status conference for 8/26/2019 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 15. SEE ORDER FOR FULL

		DETAILS. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/07/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 08/07/2019)
08/12/2019	<a href="#"><u>123</u></a>	MOTION to Modify <i>Scheduling Order 122</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 08/12/2019)
08/14/2019	<a href="#"><u>124</u></a>	Memorandum in opposition to re <a href="#"><u>123</u></a> MOTION to Modify <i>Scheduling Order 122</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/14/2019	<a href="#"><u>125</u></a>	REPLY re <a href="#"><u>123</u></a> MOTION to Modify Scheduling Order 122 filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) Modified on 8/14/2019 to correct docket link (jf). (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/14/2019	<a href="#"><u>126</u></a>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <a href="#"><u>123</u></a> Motion to Modify the Scheduling Order. The hearing set for 08/26/2019 at 10 AM is moved to 08/22/2019 at 2 PM. Any status report(s) remain due by 08/21/2019 at 5 PM. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/14/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 08/14/2019)